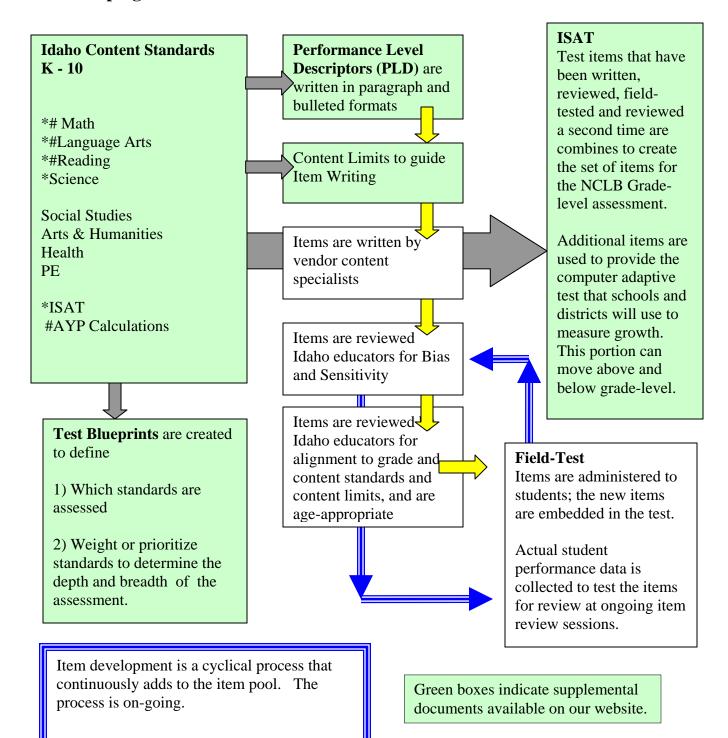
Developing the Idaho Standards Achievement Test



Technical Advisory Committee

The State Board Contracts with 4 national experts in large scale assessments. The TAC meets quarterly in Boise and as needed by telephone conference to advise the staff of the OSBE on test development and operation.

The TAC serves as advisors to assist the OSBE in managing the vendor and implementation of the test in the state.

Cut Scores are typically reviewed every 4-5 years. Periodically, the student results are collected by item. This data is used to create the "order of difficulty".

The cut score workshop was based on actual May 2007 results at each grade level (3-10) in each of the 4 content areas. (18,000-20,000 students at each grade-level responding).

The item difficulty data, based on number of students correctly responding, is used to place the bookmarks for the levels established by the State Board. Advanced, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic.

The participants used the PLDs and their own expertise in setting the difficulty and performance level bookmarks. Mathematical calculations done by the experts at Data Recognition Corporation translate bookmarks into cut scores.